

Proclamation

Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebrando el Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana

WHEREAS, each year, the United States observes National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the culture, traditions, and countless contributions of citizens and residents whose ancestors came from Spain, Cuba, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, and South America; and

WHEREAS, what began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Johnson and was expanded by President Reagan in 1988 to a month-long celebration; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics and Latinos serve as civil rights leaders and community organizers, politicians, soldiers, educators, journalists, first responders, pioneers in the arts and science, healthcare professionals, athletes, inventors, entertainers and more; and

WHEREAS, locally, Hispanics and Latinos from diverse cultures contribute to the vitality of the Village of Biscayne Park as residents, community activists, board members, volunteers, staff, administration, police, and as one elected commissioner and former mayor; and

WHEREAS, people of Hispanic origin are the nation's largest ethnic or racial minority, constituting 19% of the nation's total population; and Hispanics are 24% of Florida's total population; and more than 40% of the population of the Village of Biscayne Park is Hispanic;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that, I, Virginia O'Halpin, Mayor of the Village of Biscayne Park, Florida, joined by the entire Commission, do hereby proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2020 as

Hispanic Heritage Month

El Mes de la Herencia Hispana

and encourage observation of this special annual tribute by celebrating the generations of Hispanic and Latino Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our American society and our community here in the Village of Biscayne Park.



Dated this 1st day of September 2020
VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA

Mayor Virginia O'Halpin